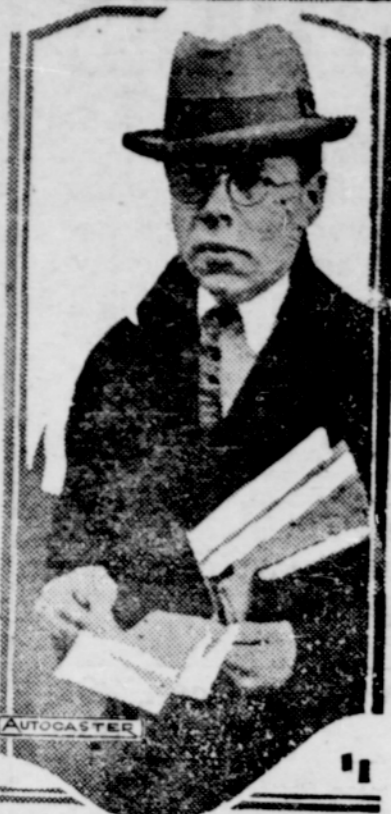


John D's Grandson



Each year Yale University gives a scholarship to the student needing financial assistance. John R. Prentice won it. He is the grandson of John D. Rockefeller and is working as a telephone operator to pay his way through college.

The forest service believes that by proper cutting a trees could be provided for every family in America, without harming the future forest crop. They also point out that one forest fire often destroys more young trees than the entire annual Christmas tree harvest, and urge that those who are interested in forest conservation should devote their energies to the main issue of preventing forest fires.

PLEASANT HOME

Mr. and Mrs. M. Lennartz gave a birthday dinner on Tuesday evening in honor of three teachers of the school whose birthdays all fall in December. They were Mrs. Edith Mayer, Miss Dorothy Borth and Miss Mabel Barnes. Other guests were the Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Withnell and son, Principal F. D. Oleman of the Orient school, Mrs. Oleman and Miss Vera McCabe, teacher in the school. Mrs. Lennartz was assisted in serving by her daughter, Anna, who is at home from Willamette University for the holidays. A pleasant evening was spent with music and radio.

Orient school closed Thursday with appropriate exercises by the children, who received Christmas gifts. It will reopen on January 4. The school is making good progress under the care of an efficient group of teachers.

Mrs. Sarah Hiatt Dies: Aged 96.

The summons of death came Tuesday to an old resident of the Pleasant Home locality, Mrs. Sarah Ann Hiatt, who at the age of 96 years quietly passed out, leaving behind her pleasant memories of a life of love and unselfishness in service for others. For the past 20 years she had made her home with her son, Samuel Bacon, and family near Pleasant Home. Besides this son she is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Sarah Frances Cline, of Pleasant Home, and Mrs. Lucy Kutzman, of Bend, Oregon. She also leaves 11 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren and a host of friends. The funeral will be held Saturday at 1 o'clock at the Cottrell community church, with interment in Cliffside cemetery at Bull Run. The Rev. D. M. Cathey will preach the funeral sermon. The remains are at the undertaking establishment of J. E. Metzger.

TROUTDALE

Daisy Beatrice Bevans, music teacher, composer and writer of lyrics, will

be in Troutdale Monday, December 28, to interview prospective pupils at the home of Mrs. Mary Parsons. She received her musical education in the Minneapolis conservatory of music. She is a member of the Oregon Composer's club and her sacred song, "Paradise" was recently presented at a Methodist church in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Dellinger from Kent, Oregon, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Parish.

Miss Johanna Burns is home to take care of her mother, Mrs. Margaret Burns, who had a severe fall the 14th of December. Mrs. Burns is still confined to her bed.

The Sunday school had its Christmas exercises last Sunday during the Sunday school hour.

The Troutdale community Christmas tree was held in the city hall Wednesday evening. The program was furnished by the school children, which was greatly enjoyed by all.

Miss Lillian Wallace visited a few days this week at the home of Mrs. Margaret Burns.

Lumber has been furnished by the district for new tables and benches to serve the hot lunches on. Much credit is due R. D. Hewitt, the principal who made the tables and seats.

Mrs. Eda Hubbard is helping the postmaster, J. S. Hudson, during the Christmas rush.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Waite are on the sick list for the past week. Mrs. Lydia Ostrand is at their home to care for them a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Banacci are the proud parents of a baby boy, born December 19. They have named him Joseph Edward.

There will be a dance in the city hall Saturday evening, December 26, given by Gigray Brothers.

Mrs. Alice Courter spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. J. A. Larson.

At the regular meeting of the Troutdale Eastern Star chapter, which met last Saturday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Tegart were elected worthy matron and worthy patron for the coming year. The retiring worthy matron, Mrs. Elizabeth Markell, presented each of her officers with a suitable Christmas gift. The installation of the new officers will be January 4.

SMITH MEMORIAL Presbyterian Church FAIRVIEW, ORE. REV. E. R. D. HOLLENSTED, Minister Sunday Morning Worship, 11 A. M.

POWELL VALLEY

The funeral services for the late Erick Anderson will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Swedish Mission church, the Rev. O. J. Wilner in charge of the services. Interment will be made in Douglas cemetery, with all arrangements in the hands of J. E. Metzger. Mr. Anderson died Monday evening at his Powell Valley home where he had resided for the past 18 years. The funeral was delayed to permit the attendance of relatives from Aberdeen, Washington.

There will be no Sunday school at the Swedish Mission church Sunday morning, but the regular preaching service will be held at 11 o'clock. The pastor will speak from the words, "Fear not, little flock." He will preach again at 7:30 in the evening from the theme, "The Sword of the Prince of Peace."

Missionary Society Has Good Year.

The Home and Foreign Missionary society at Powell Valley, of which Mrs. C. A. Lindgren is president, has just completed a profitable and interesting year of work. The members have contributed to various good enterprises during the year as the following report will show of the disbursement of their funds: to the deaconess chapel fund, \$3; the Columbia conference homes for the aged, \$21.75; room at headquarters, \$7.55; missionary calendars, \$2; Miss Anna Olson's salary, \$25; Miss Olson is the head nurse of a hospital in China; Africa mission, \$5; Christmas cheer fund, \$5; Bethphage mission, \$15; seamen's mission in Seattle, \$10; Jewish mission, \$5; hospital in China, \$10; contingent fund, \$3.10; India mission, \$5. The president of the society expressed appreciation to those who so kindly gave of their means to help along this worthy cause. Eleven new members have been added to the roll of the society during the past year.

FAIRVIEW

Sunday morning worship at the Smith Memorial Presbyterian church will begin at 11 o'clock with a sermon by the pastor from the theme, "The Meaning of Time." The children's program which was postponed will be given at the morning service. The pastor of the church, the Rev. E. R. D. Hollensted, at the beginning of the new year, will commence his fifth year of service as pastor at Fairview.

OTHER CHRISTMASSES.

(Daisy Daly) To us Christmas is a joyous time of gifts and presents, reunions and hearty greetings, and of the tinsel Christmas tree decked with candies and candles. To us it is the day of Christ's birth, a day to be celebrated in the happiest way possible. Perhaps the thought has never occurred to some of us than in another land, this holiday could be celebrated differently than in our own way. In Sunny Spain and in Mexico this is so. There no Christmas tree may be found; no beloved Santa Claus slides down the chimneys to fill waiting stockings. In Mexico Christmas is a revered day of worship. No frivolities of happiness are countenanced. From the 12th of December until New Years

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Day the solemn Mexicans celebrate in their own quiet, sincere way, the holiest day of the year. Every child wears the Christmas flower, when he is seen upon the streets.

From December 19th until the 25th they sing the litany of Christmas. Each house erects a new dais on which the paint scenes of the journey of Joseph and Mary. In this period they carry out a ceremony which seems very odd to us. Near evening household processions are formed. Each member of the family, each servant, and each invited guest takes his place. They march about the corridors with lighted candles and sing litanies. Wax figures of the Virgin and of Jesus are carried at the head of the procession, and every door that is passed is knocked upon as though in an effort to gain admittance. Finally the procession passes into the chapel (which is a part of most of the houses of the richer class). Then an anthem is sung, mass is said, the procession disbanded, and the sleepy children are at last allowed to go to bed.

This is by no means the last of the Mexican Christmas celebrations. Another popular festival is the day of Judas Iscariot, the apostle who betrayed Jesus for thirty pieces of silver. On this day every child and man carried a figure of Judas. The figures vary in size, according to the means and size of the owner. Many "Judases" are suspended from balconies and from lamp-posts throughout the cities. At 10 o'clock in the morning, a bell is rung in the church. This is a signal to the citizens to set fire to the figures, which explode. After the explosion there is a great rejoicing as if it were the real death of the traitor, Judas.

As the ceremony is usually the last one in the Holy Week, the gifts are presented in the following week, usually on January sixth. It is a solemn presentation, not like our own jolly Christmas; but perhaps our Santa Claus' pretense seems as odd to the Mexicans as their solemn proceeding seems to us.

In Spain celebrations are as sincere, but not as solemn as those of the Mexicans. They celebrate by having splendid Christmas feasts. Even the poorest have a good dinner on this evening. After the feast, musicians play the guitars, and the revelers sing and dance until midnight. Then every person in Spain goes into his church, and the mass "del Gallo" is said. On this evening, too, the children put their little shoes out upon the bal-

conies to receive gifts which are given by the procession of "Reyer Magos" which passes through the streets on that night.

Those are the ways in which the Mexicans and the Spaniards celebrate their Christmas. They are different from our ways and yet in some ways they are similar. At least, no matter how it is celebrated, the same reverence is given the day by Mexicans, Spaniards, and Americans.

THE CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS.

(Amy Noreen) Christmas is a day for all. There would be an empty feeling indeed, if we could not look forward to its celebration each year. Christmas Day is held in commemoration of the birth of our Saviour, and though festivals may vary in some respects, the one grand and essential cause we have in common.

The Christmas songs and carols never go out of style. Every Christmas one is thrilled again and again by hearing "Silent Night," or some other beautiful Christmas hymn.

It is interesting to note the difference in the celebration of this great day all over the world. In the north, the ground is usually white with a blanket of snow. Homes are decorated with holly and evergreens, and everything has a wintry aspect. The children enjoy playing in the snow with their sleds and snowshoes.

But, do the southern people celebrate? Yes, indeed they do. Evergreens, holly, and mistletoe are the decorations in the south as well as in the north. But what takes the place of skating and sleighing? Down by the southern beaches, bathers and tennis players have a good time in the sunshine.

Every Christmas celebration has a noise. In the north, the jingle of sleigh bells and the pealing of church bells can be heard. In the south fireworks are used, and in the evening the impression of a second Fourth of July is given.

Old and young alike enjoy Christmas. The youngsters look forward to it as a time when many of their wishes come true. Santa Claus seldom disappoints anyone.

Christmas comes but once a year, and though the customs of observance differ in various parts of the world, there should be one thought fixed in our hearts: God is in his heaven, let there be peace upon earth and goodwill towards all mankind.

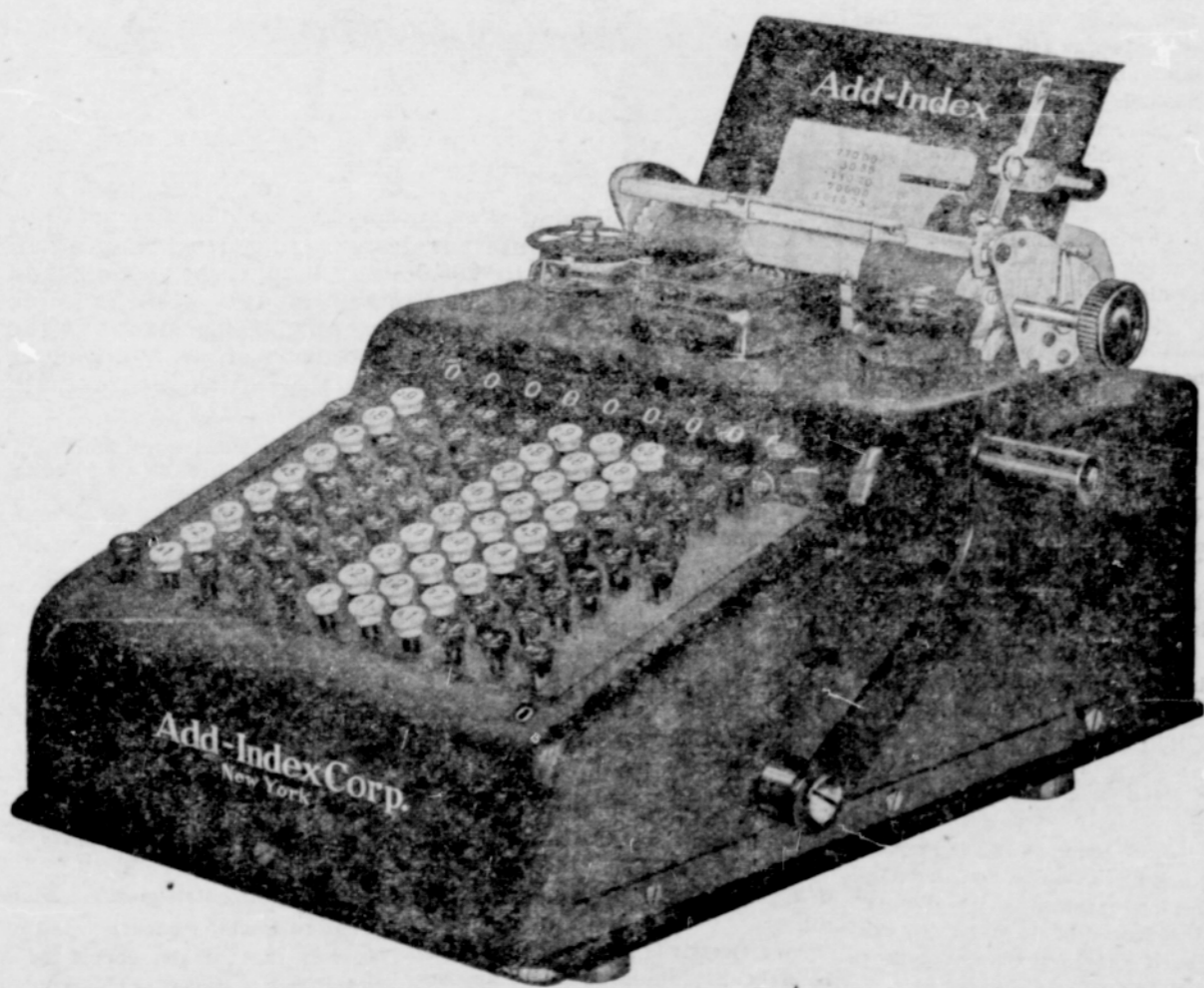
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